HUNTINGTON BEACH



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# **JULY 2004 Postage Donations Update**



This year we need to raise \$20,000 to cover postal costs through the end of the year. At the end of May we received a total of \$10,117 from our subscribers. So we have another \$9.883 to raise in order to have enough money by the end of the year.

A \$4 donation from each subscriber will generate the money we need to continue to mail the newsletter directly to you.

A \$5 donation puts your name in the newsletter as a contributor. A \$20 donation or more will put your name in the newsletter and you receive a Neighborhood Watch sticker and a Surf City key chain. Make your check out to HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH and send to:

> **HB NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** P O BOX 5667 HUNT. BEACH, CA 92615 Or:

**Neighborhood Watch Huntington Beach Police Dept.** 2000 Main Street **Huntington Beach CA 92648 NO BOARD MEETING** In August

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

August 3, 2004-7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



On Tuesday, August 3<sup>RD</sup> Huntington Beach residents are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 21<sup>ST</sup> Annual National Night Out."

A crime/drug prevention event, National Night out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by police

departments all over the nation.

On August 3<sup>RD</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Huntington Beach residents are asked to turn on their porch lights and go outside to spend some time with their neighbors. Talk about starting a Neighborhood Watch Program or scheduling your second meeting to meet new neighbors. At your meeting, we will inform you about home security, auto theft/burglary, and identity theft. Even though crime is down, we need to be alert and aware so that we won't become victims. Another thing to discuss with your neighbors are drug houses—if you suspect a drug house on your street, call the Narcotics Unit at (714) 536-5981 and give them the address and information. If you have a problem house with other possible criminal activity, you can contact Team C.O.P. North area officer is Officer Ramsey at 375-5095, or south of Talbert is Officer Warden at 375-5140. Working and communicating with your neighbors and police can make a big difference in your neighborhood, but it takes getting involved and some time and effort.

The theme, back by popular demand, is "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." To schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting, call 536-5993. Remember, it is everyone's job to keep crime out of their neighborhoods. Call today and do your part to keep Huntington Beach a safe place to live.

# Going Away? Got a Minute to Talk About PROTECTING YOUR HOME AND SAFETY WHILE TRAVELING.

It's a fact that almost all types of personal and household crime are highest in the warm months when people spend more time away from home on vacations or are involved in outdoor activities. Avoid becoming part of this statistic by following these suggestions to protect your home, property, and family while you're relaxing and having fun!

**BEFORE YOU LEAVE** use this checklist to secure your home.

- Make sure your home looks lived in, not empty: stop mail and cancel all deliveries or ask a friend to make daily collections. Hide empty garbage cans. Leave shades and blinds in normal positions. Put an automatic timer on several lights and the radio. Have a neighbor keep your property maintained.
- Leave a key with a trusted neighbor.
- Store valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Tell a neighbor you trust your departure and return dates. Supply an itinerary with phone numbers where you can be reached in an emergency.
- Ask neighbors to keep an eye on your home while you're gone. Have them pick up mail, newspapers, and advertisement flyers.
- Lock all windows and doors, including your garage.
   Leave timers on lights inside.

# AND AWAAAY WE GO...

- Carry a minimum amount of cash. Use traveler's checks and credit cards, but keep a record of their numbers in a separate and safe place.
- Keep careful tabs on your travel tickets—they're as good as cash. Carry them in an inside pocket, not protruding from a jacket or bag.
- If driving, plan your route carefully, travel on main roads, and use maps. Have your car serviced and tires checked before leaving.
- Don't talk about your plans to strangers.
- Always lock your car when it's parked, even it the stop is brief. Keep valuables out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. Don't leave wallets, checkbooks, or purses in the car.
- Never pick up hitchhikers.
- If you stop overnight, remove bags and other valuables from the car and take them inside.
- If your car breaks down, turn on your flashers and raise the hood or tie a white cloth to the antenna. If you must abandon your car, keep all passengers together.

- Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, a fire extinguisher, and a first aid kit.
- Avoid traveling during the night hours if you can.
- If you are in a foreign country, learn the words for police officer and doctor. Know location of the nearest U.S. consulate.

# **MOTELS AND HOTELS**

- Use all auxiliary locking devices when occupying or leaving your room.
- Know who's knocking before you open the door.
- Keep extra cash and valuables locked in the hotel safe deposit box, not in the room. Always take cash, credit cards, and keys with you.
- Locate fire exits, elevators, and the nearest phone. Plan the best way to get out of the building in an emergency.
- Inventory your belongings daily.
- Be observant. Report any suspicious movements in the corridors or rooms to the management.

# SIGHTSEEING

- Learn about your surroundings. Ask local residents about problem areas and avoid them.
- Select sightseeing companies and guides carefully.
- Make sure your children know the name, address, and telephone number of your hotel or motel.
- Avoid advertising you are a tourist by the way you dress.
- If older children go off separately, be sure they have watches and check in with you at prearranged times.

# **TAKE ACTION—TODAY!**

- Call the H.B. Police Crime Prevention Unit at 536-5933 to have a home security booklet sent to your home. Install all locks recommended to make it more difficult for an average burglar to break in.
- List all credit card numbers, their expiration dates, and numbers to call if lost.
- Have your car checked.
- Offer your help to neighbors when they go away!

# FREE VACATION HOUSE CHECKS!!!

Provided by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Please call 3 days prior to departure at (714) 374-1507

# HB1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY

The helicopter unit continued high levels of activity throughout the month of May. In addition to the 7

DUI's located and arrested by aircrews, a

number of significant felony suspects where also taken into custody.

A large gang fight was taking place near Tower 19 on the beach. HB1 arrived and located the fight and directed responding units to suspect vehicles as they attempted to flee. Ground units made a number of car stops and 2 suspects were taken into custody for assault with a deadly weapon.

Officers McNaughton and Catalano responded to a vehicle burglary near Edwards and Edinger. Officers utilized the FLIR (forward looking infrared) and located a hot vehicle in the area. Officers were directed to the vehicle and the suspect was located hiding inside. He was arrested for 459 PC.

All crews participated in a training day with city and state lifeguards. Rescue techniques, safety equipment deployment, and ocean lifesaving responses were updated prior to the upcoming summer months.

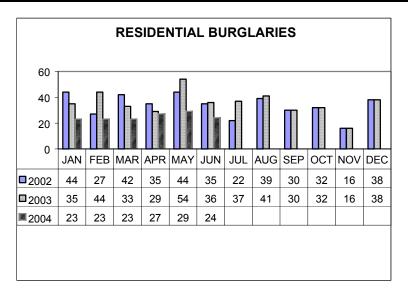
Officer Pappas completed his training at Helistream. He took his Private Pilot check ride on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will then continue work on his Commercial Pilot License

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# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

24 FOR JUNE 29 FOR MAY

Seven of the entries were due <u>OPEN</u> <u>OR UNLOCKED</u> windows or doors, or 29% of the entries.

Further breakdown reveals 6 garage entries out of 24 burglaries, or 25% of the entries reported in June.

Fourteen entries reported occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Ten entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were four entries by force or pry tool, five entries by unknown means, one entry by passkey (garage remote) four attempts without entry and three entries by window smash. Out of 24 residential burglaries, six entries were garages or 25% of the entries.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES
83 IN JUNE
109 IN MAY

GRAND THEFT AUTOS
44 IN JUNE
56 IN MAY

### BEAT 2

- 0 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 486 - 1

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 476 - 1

#### BEAT 3

- 3 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

Residential Burglaries

RD 455 – 1 RD 457 - 2

Streets: Colbreggan and two entries on Edye TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED DOORS OR WINDOWS. One entry by a passkey which was a garage remote. Suspect in custody for Colbreggan entry. Suspect in custody for Edye entries (same house). No garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 446 - 1

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 456 – 1

# BEAT 4

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 6 Vehicle Burglaries
- **5 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

RD 443 - 2

Streets: Indianapolis and Sealargo. ONE ENTRY THRU AN OPEN WINDOW. One entry by unknown means. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 432 – 1 RD 442 – 1 RD 452 – 2 RD 462 – 1

RD 463 - 1°

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 433 – 1 RD 443 – 1 RD 462 – 1 RD 463 – 2

### BEAT 5

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 2 Vehicle Burglaries
- 1 Grand Theft Auto

# Residential Burglaries

RD 436 - 1

Street: Kingwood.

One entry by a window smash. No

garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD** 436 – 2

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 427 – 1

# BEAT 6

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 13 Vehicle Burglaries
- 4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 327 - 1 RD 339 - 1

RD 359 – 1 RD 451 - 1

# ONE ENTRY BY OPENAN WINDOW.

Two entries by window smash and one attempt without entry. There was one garage burglary.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 329 - 1 RD 337 - 1 RD 349 - 3 RD 359 - 1

RD 441 – 3 RD 451 – 4

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 349 - 1 RD 431 - 1

RD 451 - 2

# RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS

#### BEAT 7

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 7 Vehicle Burglaries
- 3 Grand Theft Autos

#### Residential Burglaries

RD 319 - 1 RD 412 - 1 RD 411 - 1

RD 423 - 1

Streets: Derby, Siena, Florida and Tyler. ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW. One entry by force or pry tool and two attempts without entry. There were no garage burglaries.

# Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292 - 3

RD 319 - 1

RD 422 - 2

RD 423 - 1

#### **Grand Theft Autos**

RD 412 - 1

RD 293-1 RD 423-1

#### BEAT 8

- 1 Residential Burglary
- 3 Vehicle Burglaries
- **4 Grand Theft Autos**

# Residential Burglaries

RD 178-1

Street: Pinehurst. Entry by unknown means. There were no garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 178 - 2

RD 188 - 1

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 176 - 2

RD 179 - 2

# BEAT 9

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 10 Vehicle Burglaires
- 6 Grand Theft Autos

# Residential Burglaries

RD 264 - 1 RD 272 - 1

Streets: Lucia and Ash. One entry by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There was one garage burglary.

**RD 272 – 7** RD 283 - 2

RD 273 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 273 - 2RD 272 - 3

RD 282 - 1

### BEAT 10

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 5 Vehicle Burglaries
- **5 Grand Theft Autos**

#### Residential Burglaries

RD 152 – 1

RD 153 - 1

RD 154 – 1

RD 155 - 1

Streets: Bordeaux, Alderport, Dominica and Waterway. ONE ENTRY BY AN **OPEN WINDOW.** Two entries by pry tool or force. One entry by unknown means. There were two garage burglaries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 151 – 2

RD 154 - 1

RD 164 - 1

RD 173 - 1

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 151 – 1

RD 154 - 1

RD 164 - 1

RD 165 - 2

# BEAT 11

- 0 Residential Burglaries
- **6 Vehicle Burglaries**
- 3 Grand Theft Autos

# Residential Burglaries

# None

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158 – 1

RD 159 - 1

RD 166 - 1

RD 169 - 3

**Grand Theft Autos** 

RD 157 - 1

RD 166-1

RD 168 - 1

4 Vehicle Burglaries **5 Grand Theft Autos** 

# Residential Burglaries

RD 148 – 1

Street: Priscilla. One entry by force or pry tool. There were no garage burglaries. A suspicious vehicle was seen during the time of the Priscilla entry: 4-door white car.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 139 - 1 RD 128 – 1 RD 146 – 1 RD 147 - 1

Grand Theft Auto

RD 117 – 1 RD 128 - 1 RD 139 - 1 RD 146 - 1

RD 148 – 1

# **BEAT 13**

2 Residential Burglaries 25 Vehicle Burglaries

6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 242 – 1 RD 252 - 1

Streets: Center and Glencoe.

ONE ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED GARAGE. One entry by unknown

RD 262 - 4

means.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 232 – 1 RD 241 - 6 RD 242 – 4 RD 251 - 2RD 252 - 5RD 253 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 261 - 1

RD 242 – 1 RD 251 - 1 RD 252 – 1 RD 253 - 1

RD 261 - 1 RD 262 - 1

Neighborhood Watch meetings are conducted on Tues., Wed., or Thurs. evening, usually starting at 7 pm and ending around 8:30 pm. We need a home to have the meeting in and your neighbors to attend. Call 536-5933 to schedule a date for your meeting. It will give you peace of mind to know your neighbors are working together to keep crime out of your neighborhood.

# **VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH**

# VIPS <u>Diane Smith</u> VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES



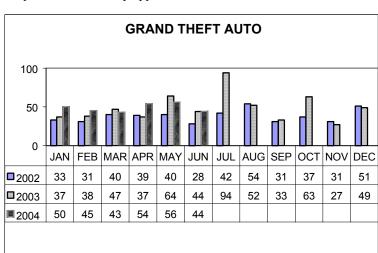
Diane was raised in Southgate, California. Her husband and she are both native Californians. After high school she attended a Los Angeles business school to become a court reporter. Upon achieving a stenotype skill of 170 works per minute, she applied and got a job with the District Attorney's Office.

She was a legal statement reporter for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for 6

years, working in the Santa Monica Branch where she met her husband, who was a vice detective with the Los Angeles Police Department in the Venice/Pacific Division. They will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. They moved to Huntington Beach in 1974 and are still residing in their original home. While raising their son, Derek, she worked part-time in the HB City School District for 10 years as a secretary/assistant to the teacher/coordinator of a state-funded program. She was a legal assistant in a civil litigation firm, working the last 12 years in Corona del Mar, California.

Diane says they are fortunate to have their son and daughter-inlaw living in Huntington Beach and have most of the extended family (sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews) all in Orange County. The Smiths are a "River Rat" family and have had a second home on the Colorado River for 25 years. All of them enjoy jet skiing, fishing, golfing, quad riding and an occasional trip to the Blue Water Indian Casino in Parker, Arizona.

Diane graduated from the 20<sup>th</sup> Citizen's Police Academy and has been active in the VIP program since May 2003. She has volunteered at the South Sub-station and assists with the secretarial/computer duties for the Community Liaison Team. Thank you Diane, for the time and help you give to the police department. It is truly appreciated.



# RSVP <u>Stan Helfman</u> RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Stan Helfman was born in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Columbia University, College of Optometry and graduated in 1955 as a Doctor in Optometry.

In 1954 he married his wife Annette and they have 1 daughter and 2 sons. They are also proud grandparents to 7 grandchildren.

Right after graduating from Optometry College, Stan served 2 years in the military and received his honorable discharge. In 1957, he drove to California with his wife and

started his optometry practice in Compton. He had this practice for 26 years and worked in other doctor's offices until he retired in 1996.

Stan joined the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in 1997 and has been a police volunteer for 7 years. He does vacation checks, takes down illegally posted signs, conducts administrative hearings for parking citations and also volunteers at the police department's front desk.

In his spare time, Stan enjoys walking and riding his bike by the beach. And, of course, spending time with his lovely children. Stan moved to Huntington Beach in 1964 and lives in the Beachwalk Community.

Thank you, Stan, for all the things you do to help the Huntington Beach Police Department.

